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Dear Sir:

Because this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed prior to receipt of a First Office Action on the Merits of the Request for Continued Examination for the above-captioned application, a fee for filing this statement should not be due. If, however, it is determined that a fee is due, any fees that may be due in connection with filing this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1213.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56 to inform the Patent Office of all references known by Applicant or Applicant's representative that may be material to the examination of the subject application, Applicant's representative hereby provides this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that is prepared in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98. Form PTO-1449 (6 pages) and a copy of the cited reference are provided herewith in connection with the above-captioned application.

The document listed on the Form PTO-1449 is in the English language with the exception of Item W. The reference by Gromova *et al.* (Item W) is in the

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Russian language and is supplied with an English language abstract. Hence, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, as amended effective March 16, 1992, no further explanation of the listed items is necessary.

Applicant also makes known to the Examiner the following co-pending U.S. and International applications that have one or more common inventors and/or are commonly owned:

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the foregoing references and make them of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

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